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SUBJECT: ENCEPHALITIS EPIDEMIC

REF: STATE 11822

1. LATEST REPORTS ON ENCEPHALITIS IN THE COASTAL AREA OF SAO PAULO INDICATE THAT THE OUTBREAK IS STATIONARY. THE CAUSE OF THE OUTBREAK HAS

NOT YET BEEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED, AND HEALTH AUTHORITIES ARE QUOTED AS SUSPECTING THAT SOME CASES IDENTIFIED AS MENINGITIS IN THE PAST YEAR OR SO ACTUALLY WERE ENCEPHALITIS.

2. CITY OF SAO PAULO HEALTH SECRETARY TOLD CONSUL GENERAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS INDICATE THAT DISEASE IS "PARAGUAYAN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS,"

BUT RESULTS OF TESTS OF BLOOD SAMPLES SENT TO CANADA AND POSSIBLY THE

US ARE AWAITED. HE ADDED THAT THE FEW CASES INTERNED IN THE CITY OF SAO PAULO HAVE COME FROM THE COASTAL AREA PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, TO WHICH

THE OUTBREAK IS STILL CONFINED.

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3. NO REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED OF AMERICANS IN THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT

CONTRACTING ENCEPHALITIS. IN FACT, THERE ARE FEW, IF ANY, AMERICANS RESIDING IN THE AREAS IN WHICH THE OUTBREAK IS OCCURING, AD WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INQUIRIES REGARDING TRAVEL TO THESE AREAS.

4. THE AREAS ARE NOT PRIMARY TOURIST SPOTS FOR FOREIGN VISITORS, BUT RATHER RESORTS WITH PRINCIPALLY LOCAL CLIENTALE WHO HAVE FOR THE MOST PART TAKEN THEIR BUSINESS ELSEWHERE. IF ASKED, HOWEVER, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT AMERICANS SELECT RESORTS FROM AMONG THE MANY OTHERS IN BRAZIL NOT AFFECTED BY THE OUTBREAK, EMPHASIZING THAT IT IS OF A LOCAL CHARACTER AFFECTING ONLY A VERY SMALL SEGMENT OF THE STATE OF SAO PAULO.

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